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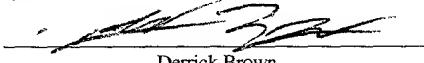
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Re: U.S. Patent Application Entitled "SERVICE SYSTEM" – Uchikoga, et al.

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing are:

1. A disclosure including a title page, an 23-page specification, 4 pages of claims (Claims 1-5), one page abstract. This disclosure constitutes the application of Hiroshi Uchikoga and Hideki Sogabe for the above-entitled invention;
2. Formal drawings (8 pages, Figures 1-9);
3. Strikethrough version of the application (24 pages);
4. Substitute sheets for the application (24 pages);
5. A Preliminary Amendment (5 pages); and
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Applicant hereby claims priority to Japanese Patent Application No. 079647/2000 filed on March 22, 2000.

Please note that this application is filed without an inventors' declaration and filing fees. Applicant requests the Patent and Trademark Office to accept this application and accord a serial number and filing date as of the date this application is deposited with the U.S. Postal Service for Express Mail. Further, Applicant requests that the NOTICE OF MISSING PARTS-FILING DATE GRANTED be sent to the undersigned representative of Applicant.

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